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Having Deformable Grip

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. The amendments and remarks are as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.